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RETRACTION

Dear Boys' State,

The Met-Journal would like to formally apologize to everyone for a mix-up which occurred late Sunday evening. During the start of state the newspaper printed an ad-pricing sheet. The pricing sheet was given out with the understanding that they were not final. However, Josh Burnett became confused--partially to the blame of the The Met. Later in the evening we were informed that prices were too low. Therefore, we raised our prices. The Met apologizes for not assessing the situation to its full extent.

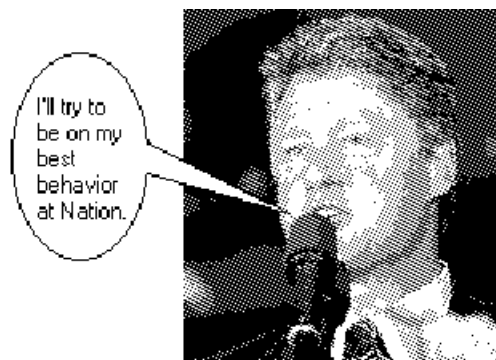
Sincerely,
Ryan Bennett
Editor

In the House

The House of Representatives began its 2000 session yesterday morning by breaking into their respective committees. In the afternoon the entire House began to hear the first of 21 proposals, one from each department.

The first proposal was from the Department of Agriculture, which wanted to maintain its budget, but move \$1000 to the CRP plan, which would offer incentives to farmers to leave a portion of their lands unfarmed until the surplus is depleted and grain prices have gone up. The House voted to cut the CRP amount to \$500.

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Talent Show Success and Boys' Nation Speeches

The talent show last night was quite entertaining. The distribution of the varying types of acts was refreshing compared to most talent show standards. The show was very well coordinated, and the most of the acts were very entertaining and impressive.

From the "Anakin Guy" Star Wars song to the magician, the good quality of the acts remained constant throughout the show. Aside from the disrespectful and juvenile comments in the audience during some of the acts, it was a show to remember.

The speeches about Boys' Nation were excellent. Each speech put a new and interesting perspective on what the experience would be (and will be for some of us) like. Surprisingly (in a good way), the speeches were quite emotional as was apparent by Troy's reaction to Robert Choromanski's speech.

Hopefully, the speeches will influence Staters' votes to be for people who work hard and deserve to win, and not just the people who are popular. It doesn't say much for this Boys' State if we send anyone who is not serious and dedicated to the task.

Matt Hess
Janssen--MacArthur

Just some News

Things started off well again yesterday. Our counselor actually let us decide what music we wanted to be awakened to. Instead of listening to a song about sex and another about dealing with some guy and an overdriven guitar screaming how he wants things to get up, we decided to listen to Metallica's "Enter Sandman". Things just keep getting better and better.

In other news, recreation had its ups and downs yesterday. Yours truly had a heartbreaking loss in the ping-pong tournament yesterday, thus moving myself into the losers bracket. Scott Nelson also took an early disappointing loss, but Benji.

On a final note, if you are currently a city in need, come visit the newsroom. Yesterday both Powell County and Seitz County were given a small donation respectively. If you're interested in earning some money for a city, write up a proposal telling us how you will spend the money and how it will benefit our newspaper. It has to have some kind of importance to us to except your proposal. Have a nice one.

Rich Eiszner
Seymour--Powell

HIGHWAY PATROL

The parking lot most of us know recognize at only an area to march and attend our morning assemblies, the Highway Patrol sees as a crash course in law enforcement. The group spent yesterday morning in the parking lot taking turns with different scenarios involved in pulling over vehicles. "We're just pullin' people over and playin' with Glocks," aid Daniel Linhart.

A few of the guys are interested in becoming Highway Patrolmen, and others are perhaps being influenced to look further into it as an occupation. The new Patrolmen say they are enjoying their job immensely. "This is Boys' State heaven right here," said Avery Smith, who was "shot" by the violator he was pulling over during the simulation.

James Hurla
Haney-- Kennedy

District Courts

The District Courts are now in session, all of the county courts are working hard to decide numerous cases. The court officials spent all if not most of the afternoon trying to settle disagreements between various cities and counties. The courts had attendance trouble from some groups, which angered and displeased many district court officials. The cases in the courts dealt with many different cases. Many of those cases included, dealt with environmental issues. One

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of the numerous cases stated that a certain city was polluting a river that did not even run through their city. This particular case was later settled out of court. Some court officials believe that the cities are not taking the court process seriously enough and think that they don't even need to go through the court process at all. All in all, the court officials working tirelessly to help reach agreements between the various groups.

Jared Soares
Whorell--Seitz

Trouble For White Rapper

Rapper Eminem is being charged with one count of carrying a concealed weapon and one count of assault with a deadly weapon. The 27-year-old performer, whose real name is Marshall Bruce Mathers III, is expected to be arraigned Wednesday in Warren District Court. The fight happened about 2:20 a.m. Sunday in the parking lot of a bar in Warren, the rapper's hometown. Eminem hit John Guerra over the head with a gun after he saw Guerra kissing his wife, Kimberly Mathers, the gun was not loaded. In February, Eminem won a Grammy for best rap album for his debut release, "The Slim Shady LP," and another Grammy for best rap solo performance for the hit single "My Name Is." Eminem currently has the number one album in the country, "The Marshall Mathers LP."

Jared Soares
Whorely-- Seitz

The Senate

On Tuesday evening, the senate discussed on how day to day operations should take place. When they returned on Wednesday morning, the senators split up into committee groups to work on the budget. Each committee worked most of the morning on cutting or redoing the budget of their committee.

The whole senate came together for the afternoon session. Supposedly, a government body should run orderly, smoothly, and with little debate. What was observed in the afternoon session of the senate was not would be considered orderly by most. Many senators would just start talking. If a question were asked, and no one knew the answer, a great debate with no order would soon follow. The senate could be summed up with one word, disorganized.

The senate did start to come together. With another day of practice in the senate, things should run smoother. Many senators are still learning how to ask questions and when to make statements. When this ability of asking questions and making statements is obtained, the senate will indeed run more efficiently and smoothly.

Blake Huff
Schmitt--Persching

RECREATION

Gary Davis, the Powell County advisor, is also the state chairman for the American Legion 's POW/MIA recovery committee.

Davis has chaired the committee for three years now. The state committee reviews information about POW/MIA, (Prisoners of War/ Missing in Action) for accuracy before relaying it to the public.

At the national level, the committee recovers and identifies the remains of U.S. soldiers from Vietnam, Korea and World War II.

Davis said that for now the most important aspect in helping to retrieve all the MIA's is to persuade the government to increase funding for the lab at Camp Smith, Hawaii, which is the headquarters for the recovery projects. Increased funds would help provide more people for search parties, as well as for more forensic experts, said Davis.

According to Davis, the public is generally uninformed about the efforts of the Legion recovery committees. For instance, the reports given to the public in the past said that 54,000 servicemen were killed during Korea. What the reports did not say, says Davis, is that 20,000 were killed outside of Korea. In other words, not because of the war. In addition, Davis said that most Americans don't know that the POW/MIA flag must be flown over all U.S. Post Offices. He is currently urging legislation to require the flag be flown on all state grounds in Kansas. He attributes this general ignorance of POW/MIA status to falsegivings from the media and the government.

In addition to all his efforts in recovering MIA's from past wars, Davis says his main focus is for the future.

"Our main goal, in future wars, is that as soon as the hostilities are over, everyone will return home, either alive or at least identified. I guess you can say that us old geysers are fighting for you guys."

James Hurla
Haney--Kennedy

Not *That* Bad

With all of the marching, starched sheets, greasy bacon, lack of females and all the other complaints looming around this state, I have heard a lot of negative comments about the treatment/activities here, but I think it's not that bad.

I, however, feel that things aren't that bad. The biggest shock to me is when I heard one Stater say that to recreate the "fun" he was having at State, he would shove a twig in a particular orifice and turn it sideways.

Sure, that's funny, but extremely harsh.

We march, it's tradition. Many of us may lack tradition in our lives, but in any event, this one thing isn't going to hurt you. It's all about working as a team with your county. It provides solidarity amongst the Staters that speeds up the simulation that a community feels in the real world.

The girls, well, I like girls. I have a girlfriend back home that I wish I could see, but perhaps we are exaggerating the sexual stress that is building up. Honestly, it's only been four days, and we've already felt the need to put a full page advertisement of beautiful women in one of our newspapers. Guys, self control will be a very important part of life, so I suggest we try to harness those hormones. It's only one week, seven days, out of your life without women, I know we can deal with it.

As far as the starched sheets and greasy bacon and bad food and small, empty dorm rooms and no television, etc., what did you expect? We are guests at K-State. Did you really expect to be pampered as you would in a five-star hotel? The food has received enormous praise, but also been put down. Name one other place you will get a meal this good for this price, then continue to complain.

For the remainder of the week, let's do our best to contain ourselves and accept the fact that maybe it's not that bad after all.

High Schooler Gonzalez First Pick in Draft

The Florida Marlins made a high schooler exceptionally happy. The Marlins made high schooler Adrian Gonzalez the first pick in the 2000 Major League Baseball draft on Monday.

"For a young player he has quite a lot of experience and leadership qualities," said Marlins scouting director Al Avilia. "He's a tough, determined and hard-working guy. For us, it was a clear picture that we selected the best player in this year's draft."

The 6'2 Gonzalez hit .645 with 13 homers and 34 RBI last season for Eastlake High. He is the first high school infielder to be selected No. 1 since Alex Rodriguez in 1993.

"It's a thrill. It's a dream come true," Gonzalez said. "I've wanted to play professional baseball since I can remember."

Williams Falls in French Quarterfinals

Venus Williams will not get her first grand slam title this year at the French Open, she was eliminated Tuesday in the quarterfinals. Three-time French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario knocked off Williams, 6-0, 1-6, 6-2, in a match of long baseline rallies.

Williams, hesitant to approach the net, tried to match groundstrokes with the more consistent Sanchez-Vicario. These long rallies ended 48 times on unforced errors by Williams, 20 coming in the first five games.

Williams rebounded after dropping the first set with a 6-1 win in the second before faltering once more in the third set.

American Monica Seles also was eliminated as she dropped her quarterfinal match to No. 6 seed Mary Pierce, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

With both Seles and Williams out of the French it will be the first time in more than 30 years that there will be no Americans in the semifinals at the French Open.

Bichette, Garciaparra Players of the Week

Cincinnati right fielder Dante Bichette was named National League Player of the Week on Monday. Bichette batted .522 and tied the league lead in home runs. Bichette smashed four homers, and drove in six runs in a 4-2 week for the Reds. He led the NL in batting average and slugging percentage (1.087) and also tied the NL lead in total bases (25) and hits (12). *Continued on page 6.*

Horoscopes

For delegates

Remember, Eagles may soar high above the earth, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

For counselors

Respect your staters. They will be controlling your retirement pensions someday.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

If you are thinking of giving an elephant a laxative, do it orally. Just ask the zoo keeper.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Mutual suffering creates lifelong friendships.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

The counselors may be father figures, but if they ask "Who's your daddy" just say no.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

If you're early, you're on time. If you're on time you're late. If you're late you're screwed.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Don't use the elevators to try to sneak in late.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You know you are in trouble if your counselors voice hasn't dropped yet.

Libra (September 23-October 23)

If you are not sure what the food is without the signs, don't eat it.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)

If the lunch ladies address you as "Big Boy" run.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

If you see your counselor in high heels and pearls, you know you've pushed him to far.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Remember, two wrongs don't make a right, but two Wright's made an airplane.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Come correct or don't come at all.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Remember, you have been set apart from other boys at your school. Who are looking at women and eating fast food right now.

Jeff Pommier
Perrill--Pershing

Birthdays June 8

1810 Robert Schumann (composer)
1847 Ida McKinley (wife of William McKinley)
1869 Frank Lloyd Wright
1917 Byron White (Supreme Court Justice)
1925 Barbara Bush (wife of George Bush)
1929 Jerry Stiller (comedian)
1937 Joan Rivers
1940 Nancy Sinatra
1950 Kathy Baker (actress)
1950 Alex Van Halen
1953 Bonnie Tyler (singer)
1963 Johnny Depp

This Day In History

632 Founder of Islam Dies.
1968 Robert Kennedy Buried.
1968 King Assassination Suspect arrested

2000 Met-Journal

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